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A report is current at this place that smallpox is prevalent in Panama, but I am unable to vouch for the authenticity of the report.

Respectfully,

PAUL OSTERHOUT,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

COSTA RICA.

*Report from Port Limon—Fruit port—Malarial fever—Death of the United States consular agent.*

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, *May 3, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following weekly report: Two steamships—the *Holstein*, April 27, and the *Hispania*, May 3, and the steam tug *C. W. Morse*, having in tow the schooner barge *Atlas* May 2—have been cleared, all for New Orleans, and none carrying passengers or baggage.

Four deaths occurred in Port Limon for the week ended April 26, viz, 2, infants, of cholera infantum; 1 negro, male adult, of dropsy, and 1 negro, male adult, of peritonitis.

There is much malarial fever in Port Limon, some cases being of a most pernicious type. I have no evidences of the presence of yellow fever here now.

The United States consular agent at Port Limon died last night, of hemoglobinuric fever, after a few days of acute illness. His superior officer, the United States consul at San José, has requested me to take charge of the consular agency here until some permanent arrangements can be made. I take it for granted there will be no objections on the part of the Bureau to this temporary work, as it in no way interferes with my duties as acting assistant surgeon, U. S. Marine-Hospital Service; in fact, rather facilitates them.

Respectfully,

D. W. GOODMAN,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

CUBA.

*Reports from Cienfuegos, Casilda, and Santa Cruz del Sur.*

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *May 6, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit the following report for the district under my command for the week ended May 4, 1901: Twenty deaths have occurred in this city, of which 4 occurred in the civil hospital. No contagious diseases reported.

Following are the causes of deaths: Tuberculosis, 4; paludic fever, 2; alcoholism, 2; enteritis, 1; suicide, 1; old age, 1; asphyxia, 1; rachitis, 1; eclampsia, 1; sclerosis, arterial, 1; ulcer of the stomach, 1; fracture of the head, 1; broncho-pneumonia, 1; cachexia, 1; hemorrhage, spinal, 1. Death rate is 26.07 per 1,000 inhabitants.

Twelve vessels were inspected and passed, granted pratique; 25 bills of health issued vessels leaving Cienfuegos; 36 health certificates issued passengers leaving Cienfuegos; 49 pieces of baggage leaving Cienfuegos inspected and passed, and no alien steerage passengers landed at this port.

April 30, steamship *Euskaro* was disinfected previous to departure for New Orleans. May 2, steamship *Saturnina* was disinfected previous to departure for New Orleans.

*Casilda*.—Acting Asst. Surg. Alejandro Cantero reports 4 deaths in the city of Trinidad during week. No contagious diseases reported. Inspected 12 vessels. Issued 11 bills of health.

*Santa Cruz del Sur*.—Acting Asst. Surg. Juan R. Xiques reports no deaths in that port during week. No contagious diseases reported. Inspected 8 vessels during week. Issued 6 bills of health.

Following is a recapitulation of the reports from this station and sub-stations for the month of April, 1901: Sixty-nine deaths during month, of which 19 occurred in the civil hospital; 45 vessels were inspected and passed, granted pratique; 1,454 members of crews inspected and passed; 474 passengers inspected and passed on arrival; 7 alien steerage passengers inspected and allowed to land; 237 health certificates issued passengers leaving Cienfuegos; 238 pieces of baggage inspected and passed leaving Cienfuegos, and 82 bills of health issued to vessels leaving Cienfuegos.

*Casilda*.—Acting Asst. Surg. Alejandro Cantero reported 25 deaths in city of Trinidad during month; no contagious diseases reported; 60 vessels inspected and passed, and 54 bills of health issued to vessels.

Acting Asst. Surg. Juan R. Xiques reported 2 deaths at that port during month; no contagious diseases; 29 vessels inspected and passed, and 26 bills of health issued to vessels.

Respectfully,

E. F. McCONNELL,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,  
In Temporary Charge.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

*Report from Havana—A second case of yellow fever.*

HAVANA, CUBA, May 6, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of the transactions at this station for the week ended May 4, 1901:

The yellow fever report for the week is as follows: There was 1 case continued from the preceding week, and a new case was reported on the 29th ultimo. Both cases recovered, being discharged on April 30. The first case was taken sick on April 20, the latter on April 21.

I inclose the usual mortuary and other statistics for the week.

By direction of the chief quarantine officer.

Respectfully,

F. E. TROTTER,  
*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,  
Executive Officer.*

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[Inclosure.]

*Summary of transactions at Havana for week ended May 4, 1901.*

PASSENGER DEPARTMENT.

Number of passengers inspected.....	382
Number of vaccinations.....	9
Total .....	391
Passengers examined for immunity and accepted .....	13
Passengers examined for immunity and rejected .....	6